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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant discloses the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,254,609, inventors Vrba et al., issued July 3, 2001;
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,152,944, inventors Holman et al., issued November 28, 2000;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,004,328, inventor Solar, issued December 21, 1999;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,976,155, inventors Foreman et al., issued November 2, 1999;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,957,974, inventors Thompson et al., issued September 28, 1999;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,876,445, inventors Andersen et al., issued March 2, 1999;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,792,144, inventors Fischell et al., issued August 11, 1998;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,690,644, inventors Yurek et al., issued November 25, 1997;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,484,444, inventors Braunschweiler et al., issued January 16, 1996;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,405,378, inventor Strecker, issued April 11, 1995;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,366,504, inventors Andersen et al., issued November 22, 1994;
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,234,457, inventor Andersen, issued August 10, 1993;
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,061,275, inventors Wallstén et al., issued October 29, 1991;

14. U.S. Patent No. 5,026,377, inventors Burton et al., issued June 25, 1991;
15. U.S. Patent No. 4,990,151, inventor Wallstén, issued February 5, 1991;
16. U.S. Patent No. 4,732,152, inventors Wallstén et al., issued March 22, 1988;
17. PCT Publication No. WO 96/32078, published October 17, 1996;
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19. European Patent Application No. 0788802A2, published August 13, 1997;
20. European Patent Application No. 0553960A1, published August 4, 1993;
21. European Patent Application No. 0775470A1, published May 28, 1997;
22. French Patent Application No. 2,753,907, published April 3, 1998;
23. Copy of International Search Report dated September 19, 2002, from corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/00611.
24. Watkinson et al., "The Role of Self-Expanding Metallic Endoprotheses in Esophageal Strictures," Seminars in Interventional Radiology, 13(1):17-26 (1996);
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26. Technical literature for ULTRAFLEX™ Esophageal Stent System, Boston Scientific Corporation, Watertown, MA (1994); and
27. Technical literature for COVERED ULTRAFLEX™ Esophageal Stent System, Boston Scientific Corporation, Natick, MA, published before the filing of the present application.

Copies of the foregoing documents are not being provided with this paper since these documents are already of record in U.S.S.N. 09/767,212, of which the present application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. 120. These documents are, however, listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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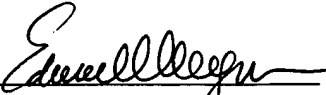
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